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FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN ITS RANGKUN NA AYUTTHAYA HELD  
A PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 14. FOLLOWING IS AN  
UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF CHARUNPHAN'S PRESS  
CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED LONG BORET'S VISIT TO  
THAILAND. BEGIN TEXT

CHARUNPHAN: YOU MOST PROBABLY FEEL INTEREST OVER THE  
PRESENT VISIT OF PREMIER LONG BORET OF CAMBODIA. THE  
FIRST SUBJECT ON WHICH HE SPOKE AT THE MEETING HELD HERE  
TODAY WAS TO EXPRESS THANKS TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT FOR  
VARIOUS FORMS OF COOPERATION GIVEN IN THE PAST. THIS  
WAS WHY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMBODIA SENT  
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PREMIER LONG BORET TO EXPRESS THANKS TO THE PRIME

MINISTER FOR THE AID AND COOPERATION GIVEN CAMBODIA IN THE PAST, IN THE FORM OF SELLING RICE TO CAMBODIA AND FOR SUPPORTING IT IN THE UNITED NATIONS LAST YEAR.

THE SECOND SUBJECT WHICH PREMIER LONG BORET INFORMED THE PRIME MINISTER OF WAS THAT HE HAD COME TO EXPLAIN THE OBJECTIVE IN THE PROPOSAL TO RESTORE PEACE TO CAMBODIA. THIS WILL TAKE SOME TIME, BECAUSE THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT IS GAINING STEADILY INCREASING MILITARY ADVANTAGES IN THE FIGHTING. IN SPITE OF THIS, THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEW IS THAT IN ORDER TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE OR TO PREVENT FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE IT WISHES TO FIND A WAY FOR AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED AND FOR TALKS TO BE HELD TO END THE FIGHTING WITH NO CONDITIONS WHATSOEVER BEING SPECIFIED. AS ALL OF YOU MOST PROBABLY KNOW ALREADY, THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT MADE A PROPOSAL LAST YEAR TO RESTORE PEACE, BUT IT SPECIFIED A LARGE NUMBER OF CONDITIONS. BUT THIS TIME, ON JULY 9 THIS YEAR, IT ISSUED AN ANNOUNCEMENT INVITING ALL FACTIONS OR SIDES WHICH ARE FIGHTING TO TURN TOWARD ONE ANOTHER AND TO HOLD TALKS WITH NO CONDITIONS WHATSOEVER ATTACHED. WHEN WE ASKED HIM WHAT RESULTS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED AND WHAT PROGRESS MADE, HE INFORMED US THAT NO RESULTS IN ANY WAY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED YET. UP TO THE PRESENT, ONLY PRINCE SIHANOUK HAS REPLIED, REJECTING THE PROPOSAL. THIS MOVE MADE BY THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE PEACE IS A MOVE ON WHICH IT WISHES TO INFORM VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THEREFORE, PREMIER LONG BORET SAID THAT HE HAS COME TO EXPLAIN IT TO THAILAND NOW AND HE WILL GO AND GIVE SIMILAR EXPLANATIONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO, IN ORDER TO INFORM THEM THAT THE TRUE OBJECTIVE OF THIS PROPOSAL FOR TALKS TO BE HELD IS IN ORDER TO LEAD TO AND RESTORE PEACE. IF REGARDED FROM THE ANGLE OF HUMANITARIANISM OR FROM THE ANGLE OF PEACE AND QUIET FOR THIS REGION, THAILAND WOULD BENEFIT SHOULD THE PROPOSED TALKS BE HELD. THEREFORE, AS SOON AS THIS PROPOSAL WAS REPORTED IN THE NEWS, I REMEMBER THAT THE SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS--KHUN PRACHA KHUNAKASEM--MADE A STATEMENT AT ONCE INFORMING REPORTERS OF THE PROPOSAL.

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THIRD, PREMIER LONG BORET HAS COME TO MAKE A REQUEST TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT, THROUGH OUR PRIME MINISTER, FOR THAILAND'S SUPPORT IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL BE CONVENED SOON. THE PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTED THE REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION. IN OTHER WORDS, HE REPLIED THAT HE WILL ENTRUST THAILAND'S DELEGATION WHICH WILL GO TO ATTEND THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR TO TAKE THE REQUEST UP FOR CONSIDERATION, THEN FOR ACTION THAT IS CONSIDERED

SUITABLE TO BE TAKEN.

FOURTH, THE PRIME MINISTER INFORMED PREMIER LONG BORET THAT THE THAI GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE GIVING AID TO THE FUNDS BOLSTERING CAMBODIAN RIEL CURRENCY.

FIFTH, THE PRIME MINISTER ASKED PREMIER LONG BORET ABOUT THE MILITARY STATUS OF THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE EXTENT OF ITS ADVANTAGES OR DISADVANTAGES. PREMIER LONG BORET REPLIED THAT GREAT CONFIDENCE IS FELT IN THE MILITARY POSITION BECAUSE GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE GAINED ADVANTAGES ON ALL FRONTS AND IN ALL DIRECTIONS AT PRESENT. I ASKED HIM WHAT THE SITUATION OF PHNOM PENH IS AND WHETHER IT IS STILL IN DANGER, AND HE SAID THAT ADVANTAGES GAINED HAVE RESULTED IN DANGER THREATENING PHNOM PENH BEING AT A GREATER DISTANCE PROPORTIONATELY, AND THAT THOUGH IT IS STILL WITHIN THE RADIUS OF MISSILES OF THE OTHER SIDE FROM TWO POINTS IT CAN BE SAID FROM CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN GENERAL THAT THE SITUATION IN REGARD TO PHNOM PENH IS IMPROVED ALSO. THE PRIME MINISTER NEXT ASKED WHETHER CAMBODIA HAS SENT ANY DELEGATION OR HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO INFORM AND EXPLAIN TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES THE POSITION OF THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT, AS WELL AS FACTS IN REGARD TO THE TRUE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA, IN ORDER TO ENABLE FOREIGN NATIONS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE OF CAMBODIA IN THE PRESENT DAY. PREMIER LONG BORET EXPLAINED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED AND SENT THREE DELEGATIONS TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN ASIA, IN AFRICA, AND IN LATIN AMERICA, THEREFORE HE FEELS CONFIDENT THAT THE EXPLANATIONS GIVEN ON THE STATUS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ON THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA WILL OBTAIN RESULTS BENEFITTING HIS GOVERNMENT. THESE WERE THE MAIN SUBJECTS ON WHICH TALKS AND CONSULTATIONS

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REPORTER: IN WHAT WAY WILL THAILAND SUPPORT THE CAMBODIAN  
GOVERNMENT IN MOTIONS REGARDING CAMBODIA?

CHARUNPHAN: THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WILL ENTRUST  
THAILAND'S DELEGATION TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH THE  
POWER TO CONSIDER THE MATTER AND TO TAKE ACTION WHICH IS  
PROPER AND SUITABLE. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US  
TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT NOW IN REGARD TO WHAT  
ACTION WILL BE TAKEN. IN OTHER WORDS, I CANNOT MAKE ANY  
STATEMENT THAT WOULD BE ACCURATE YET.

REPORTER: WHAT IS OUR PRINCIPLE?

CHARUNPHAN: IN PRINCIPLE IT MEANS THAT SINCE WE STILL  
RECOGNIZE THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT WE WILL GIVE IT SUPPORT IN  
A SUITABLE MANNER.

REPORTER: IN ADDITION TO THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED

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WHICH YOU HAVE JUST INFORMED US OF, WAS NAY REQUEST MADE  
FOR ADDITIONAL AID AND IN WHAT FORM?

CHARUNPHAN: THE MAIN FORM OF AID CAMBODIA NEEDS IS  
RICE, OR VARIOUS KINDS OF FOOD SUPPLIES, BUT THIS IS A  
MATTER WHICH CONCERNS THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE...PREMIER  
LONG BORET EXPRESSED THANKS TO US FOR THE AID AND FACILITIES

WE HAVE GIVEN IN REGARD TO PROVIDING RICE TO CAMBODIA,  
BUT HE DID NOT SAY OR EVEN MENTION THE AMOUNT OF RICE  
REQUIRED DURING TALKS HELD TO DAY.

REPORTERS: WHAT ABOUT MILITARY AID?

CHARUNPHAN: NO CONSULTATIONS IN REGARD TO MILITARY AFFAIRS  
WERE HELD IN TALKS TODAY. SINCE YOU HAVE ASKED THIS QUESTION,  
I WILL INFORM YOU THAT SINCE THE LIST OF NAMES OF  
CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATIVES ACCOMPANYING PREMIER LONG BORET  
INCLUDED NAMES OF MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES ALSO, THE  
PRIME MINISTER INSTRUCTED THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE TO BE  
PRESENT AND TAKE PART IN THE MEETING ALSO. BUT NO CON-  
SULTATIONS WHATSOEVER WERE HELD ON ANY MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

REPORTER: DID PREMIER LONG BORET SAY WHO THE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER FACTIONS ARE WITH WHOM HIS GOVERNMENT  
WISHES TO HOLD TALKS?

CHARUNPHAN: YES, SOME MENTION WAS MADE OF THE SUBJECT.  
SINCE PRINCE SIHANOUK HAS REPLIED REJECTING THE PROPOSAL,  
AS I HAVE INFORMED YOU ALREADY, THE PRIME MINISTER  
ASKED, "EH\* IF TALKS ARE HELD, WITH WHOM CAN THEY BE HELD?"  
PREMIER LONG BORET SAID HE HAS SEEN THE NAME OF  
ANOTHER PERSON--MR. KHIEU SAMPHAN. BUT SINCE THERE HAS  
BEEN NO REACTION OR RESPONSE INDICATING THE READINESS TO  
HOLD TALKS ON THE PART OF ANYBODY AT PRESENT, NO AGREE-  
MENT HAS BEEN REACHED YET.

REPORTER: DID PREMIER LONG BORET SAY IF TALKS ARE  
HELD WHERE THE SITE OF THE TALKS WILL BE?

CHARUNPHAN: HE DID NOT MENTION THE MATTER AT ALL,  
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NEITHER DID WE MENTION IT.

REPORTER: DID PREMIER LONG BORET COMMENT ON THE CHANGE  
OF AMERICAN PRESIDENT AND IN WHAT WAYS IT HAS AFFECTED  
HIS COUNTRY?

CHARUNPAHN: NO MENTION WHATSOEVER WAS MADE OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

REPORTER: SHOULD TALKS PROPOSED BE HELD, WILL THE  
ORIGINAL OFFER IN REGARD TO THE SITE FOR THE TALKS STILL  
STAND?

CHARUNPHAN: SHOULD A REQUEST BE MADE I THINK THAT THE

THAI GOVERNMENT WOULD RAISE NO OBJECTIONS. BUT SINCE NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN MADE YET TO THE PROPOSAL FOR TALKS TO BE HELD, NO MENTION HAS BEEN MADE OF THE SUBJECT YET.

REPORTER: WERE BORDER PROBLEMS BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION?

CHARUNPHAN: NOT AT ALL. THE 6 SUBJECTS DISCUSSED TOOK ME A FEW MINUTES, ONLY A VERY SHORT TIME I INFORMED YOU OF THEM, BECAUSE WE SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE. BUT IN THE MEETING AND TALKS HELD, PREMIER LONG BORET SPOKE IN CAMBODIAN AND EVERYTHING SAID ON BOTH SIDES HAD TO BE TRANSLATED THROUGH INTERPRETERS, THUS TAKING TWICE AS LONG. FOR INSTANCE, TALKS AND CONSULTATIONS WHICH COULD BE FINISHED WITHIN ONE HOUR HAD TO TAKE AS LONG AS TWO HOURS.

REPORTER: ON OUR SIDE, WHO WERE PRESENT AND TAKING PART IN THE TALKS?

CHARUNPHAN: ON OUR SIDE I WAS PRESENT, AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND A DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (PRACHA KHUNAKASEM).

REPORTER: WASN'T THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PRESENT ALSO?

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CHARUNPHAN: HE WAS NOT PRESENT.

REPORTER: DURING CONVERSATION WITH PREMIER LONG BORET DID HE TELL US WHAT RESULTS HE OBTAINED FROM HIS VISIT TO INDONESIA?

CHARUNPHAN: HE SAID THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO INDONESIA HE MADE STATEMENTS AND GAVE EXPLANATIONS LIKE THOSE HE HAS MADE TO US.

REPORTER: DIDN'T HE SAY WHAT ANSWERS WERE GIVEN HIM BY INDONESIAN LEADERS?

CHARUNPHAN: THEY SPOKE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRINCIPLES IN THE STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER THE LAST ASEAN CONFERENCE. BUT SINCE THAT WAS SOME TIME AGO, VARIOUS SITUATIONS MIGHT BE CHANGED NOW, THEREFORE MY VIEW IS THAT WE MUST WAIT AND SEE WHEN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS CONVENED BECAUSE WHEN THAT TIME IS REACHED WE WILL HAVE TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS.

REPORTER: THEN CAN IT BE SUMMARIZED AND CONCLUDED

THAT IN PRINCIPLE WE STILL RECOGNIZE THE CAMBODIAN  
GOVERNMENT HEADED BY LON NOL?  
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CHARUNPHAN: IN PRINCIPLE AT PRESENT WE RECOGNIZE  
ITS AMBASSADOR AND THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT.

REPORTER: IN THAT CASE, WILL OUR TREND IN THE UNITED  
NATIONS BE TO CONTINUE RECOGNIZING THE LON NOL  
GOVERNMENT,

CHARUNPHAN: WE RECOGNIZE THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT. THIS  
IS A FACT WHICH I HAVE STATED AND EXPLAINED TO THE PRESS  
THROUGHOUT.

REPORTER: WILL WE HOLD CONSULATIONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER ASEAN  
MEMBER NATIONS DURING THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

CHARUNPHAN: WITH THEM ALSO, BECAUSE WE HAVE SAID

ALREADY THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN MEMBER NATIONS AND  
WITH OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WHICH ARE LIKE-MINDED IS  
THE PROCEDURE WE WILL FOLLOW IN CONFERENCES HELD EVERYWHERE.  
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REPORTER: SINCE PRINCE SIHANOUK HAS REJECTED THE  
PROPOSAL MADE, WHAT METHOD CAN BE USED WHICH COULD LEAD  
TO TALKS BEING HELD?

CHARUNPHAN: I HAVE NOT SEEN THE REPLY OF PRINCE  
SIHANOUK THEREFORE I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE LEFT THE DOOR  
OPEN FOR ANY ALTERNATIVE. BUT FROM WHAT PREMIER LONG  
BORET SAID IT SEEMS AS IF PRINCE SIHANOUK WILL HAVE NOTHING  
TO DO WITH THE PROPOSAL MADE.

REPORTER: WAS ANY MENTION MADE DURING TALKS ABOUT THE  
EXTENT OF TERRITORY SEIZED, SUCH AS WHICH SIDE HAS  
SEIZED MOST TERRITORY?

CHARUNPHAN: NO MENTION WAS MADE REGARDING THE EXTENT  
OF TERRITORY SEIZED; ONLY SOME MENTION WAS MADE REGARDING  
THE SEIZING OF SOME TOWNS. PREMIER LONG BORET SAID  
THAT THE MILITARY SITUATION IS IMPROVED AND THAT HIS  
GOVERNMENT HAS GAINED GREATER ADVANTAGES.

REPORTER: WAS ANY TALK HELD IN REGARD TO MILITARY  
AID, SUCH AS HELPING TRAIN CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT MILITARY  
FORCES?

CHARUNPHAN: NO TALKS ON MILITARY AFFAIRS WERE HELD  
TODAY, NEITHER WERE ANY CONSULTATIONS ON MILITARY AFFAIRS  
HELD AT ALL. AS I HAVE INFORMED YOU ALREADY, THE PRIME  
MINISTER INSTRUCTED THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE TO BE PRESENT  
AT THE MEETING AND TALKS HELD TODAY, BUT IN REALITY NO  
CONSULTATIONS WHATSOEVER WERE HELD ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

REPORTER: AFTER HOLDING TALKS WITH PREMIER LONG  
BORET, WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OR FEELING REGARDING THE  
SITUATION IN CAMBODIA?

CHARUNPHAN: FROM LISTENING TO HIM I FEEL THAT THE  
STATUS OF HIS GOVERNMENT IS IMPROVED BECAUSE IT HAS GAINED  
MILITARY ADVANTAGES AND IT HAS SHOWN ITS LARGE-HEARTEDNESS  
BY MAKING A PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A RECONCILIATION  
AMONG ALL FACTIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, SINCE FIGHTING  
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IS STILL CONTINUING THE OTHER SIDE MIGHT NOT FEEL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE, NO AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED YET. BUT THAT IS CAMBODIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIR IN WHICH WE CANNOT AND MUST NOT HANDLE OR INTERFERE IN ANY WAY.

REPORTER: WHAT IS YOUR VIEW REGARDING PRINCE SIHANOUK'S REFUSAL TO HOLD TALKS?

CHARUNPHAN: MY VIEW IS THAT IT CONCERNS PRINCE SIHANOUK AND HIS PERSONAL VIEWS, BECAUSE HUMAN BEINGS MUST HAVE SOMETHING OR SOME REASON THEY ADHERE TO. PRINCE SIHANOUK MUST HAVE SOME PERSONAL REASON FOR REFUSING TO HOLD TALKS; HE MOST PROBABLY ADHERES TO SOME REASON WHICH PREVENTS HIM FROM HOLDING TALKS. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD IF TALKS COULD BE HELD BECAUSE IT SHOULD LEAD TO PEACE, THAT IF A WAY OUT COULD BE FOUND SUCH AS IN THE FORM OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT, AS IN LAOS, IT MIGHT OBTAIN GOOD RESULTS. MAKING COMMENTS WHICH COORDINATE WITH THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE OF MAKING A PROPOSAL IN ORDER TO LEAD TO RECONCILIATION, IN ORDER TO END THE FIGHTING AND RESTORE PEACE, ARE COMMENTS WHICH I FEEL DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THE DESIRE OF PREMIER LONG BORET.

REPORTER: DO WE STILL ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WHICH IS STILL IN ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTRY IS THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT?

CHARUNPHAN: THAT IS ONE REASON ON THE PART OF THAILAND. FURTHERMORE, WE ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT A GOVERNMENT IS THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT IS IN ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTRY AND IT POSSESSES THE STRENGTH TO PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF ITS COUNTRY. WE RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AMBASSADOR, WHO IS THE PERSON APPOINTED TO THAT POSITION BY THE PRESENT CHIEF OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

REPORTER: DID HE SAY WHO IS THE PERSON WHO IS REALLY IN POWER AFTER PRINCE SIHANOUK?

CHARUNPHAN: HE DID NOT SAY.

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REPORTER: DID PREMIER LONG BORET SAY THAT PRINCE SIHANOUK IS NOT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF EVERY AND ALL PEOPLE OF THAT OTHER FACTION?

CHARUNPHAN: HE MADE NO SUCH STATEMENT AT ALL.

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